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Tropical Storm Isaias Update August 3, 2020 - 1100

What has changed:

- Slight increase to winds along coastal northeast SC
- Increasing concern for surge along Lower Cape Fear River at Downtown Wilmington
- River flooding briefing slide added
- Incorporated 11 AM EDT NHC Advisory information

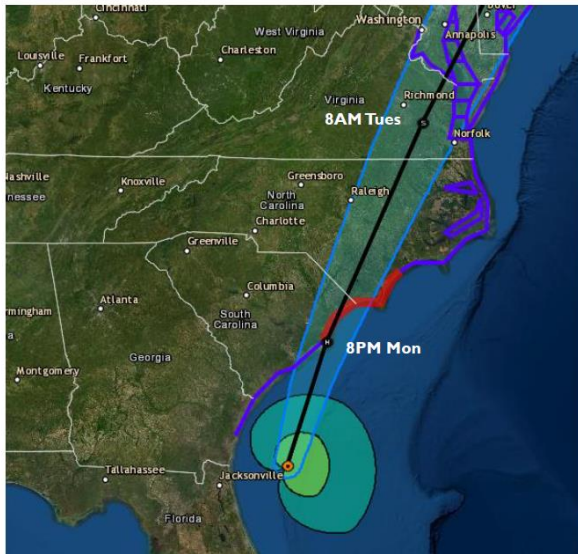
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NOTE: Do not focus on the exact track. Impacts can occur well outside the area enclosed by the cone.

- Isaias is expected to move through the area late today and tonight and lift north of the region during Tuesday morning.
- Tropical Storm force winds are expected across the area, arriving across northeast SC late afternoon/evening and southeast NC through the evening hours.
- Life-threatening storm surge is possible along the immediate coast, especially south of Cape Fear.
- Impacts from wind, flooding rains, and tornadoes are also expected.

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Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
Wind 	Some damage to roofing and weak structures. Downed trees, fences and signs possible. Scattered power outages.	Most areas, but especially northeast SC coastal areas	This evening into Tuesday morning
Storm Surge/ Inundation 	Potential storm surge impacts including some flooding of coastal roads and beach access, some damage and flooding to vulnerable coastal structures, damage to beach ramps and stairways, beach erosion	Especially northeast SC and Brunswick county coastal areas, along with the Lower Cape Fear River	Especially around high tide this evening (7-11pm)
Flooding Rain 	Potential for moderate flooding impacts, especially for poor drainage and low-lying locations. Driving conditions will become hazardous with some road closures.	Northeast SC and southeast NC	This afternoon and tonight.
Tornado 	Some tornadoes possible with damage to trees, structures, and power lines	Most areas but especially coastal areas of northeast SC and southeast NC	This afternoon and tonight.
Marine 	Hazardous marine conditions and dangerous rip currents	All waters coastal and nearshore waters, and beaches	Today and tomorrow. Highest winds/seas tonight.

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Current Town Status:

The Town of Surf City is now under a [State of Emergency](#). We continue to monitor this system and will activate the Emergency Operation Center on Monday, August 3, 2020. The next Town update will be after 2pm on Monday, August 3, 2020.

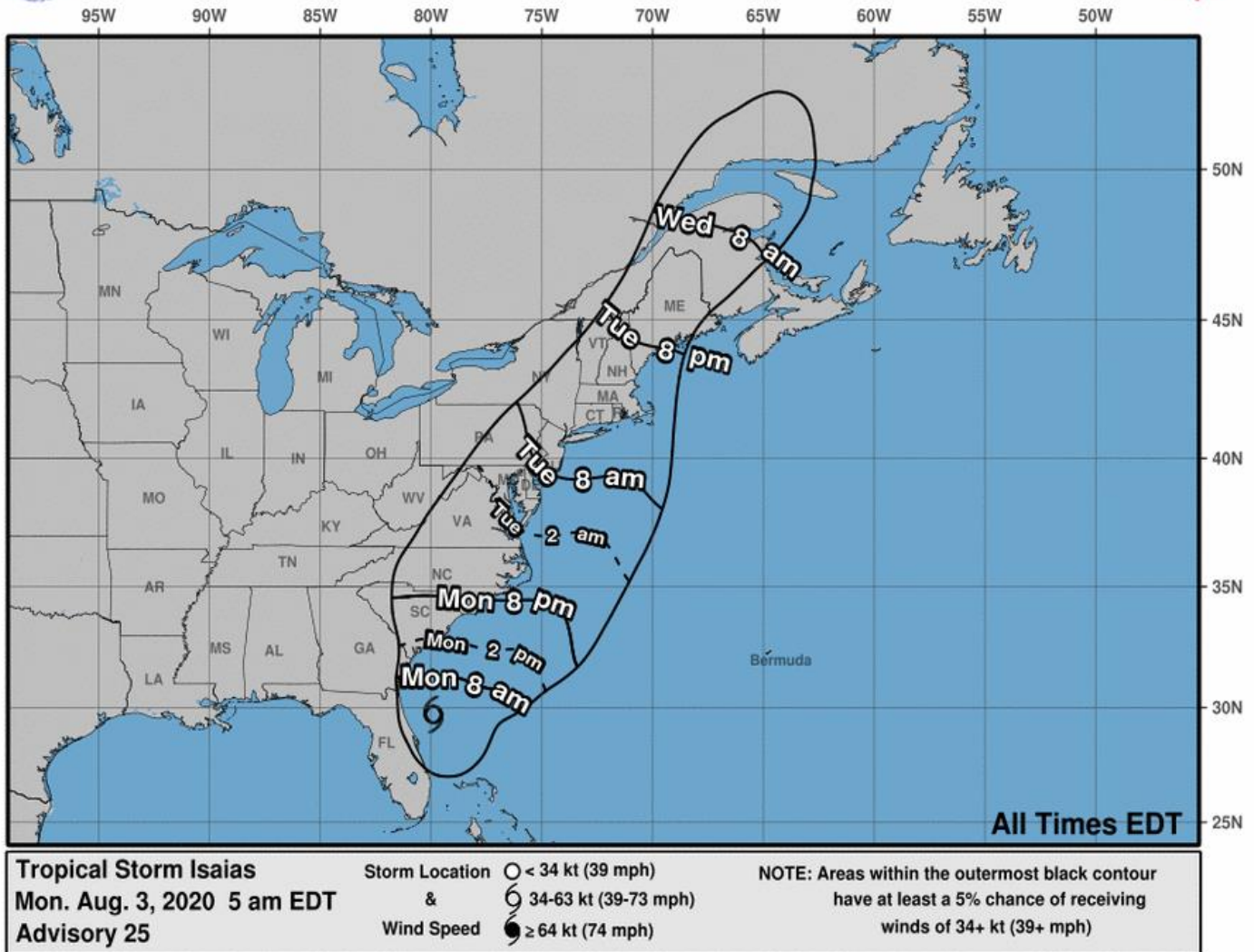
Parks and public beach accesses will be closed starting at dusk on Monday, August 3, 2020 and will remain closed until further notice.

A curfew is enacted for the island portion of Surf City from 8pm, Monday, August 3rd until 7am, August 4th.

- **No curfew for the mainland portion of Surf City.**
- **Residents are restricted within the boundaries of their property lines during curfew hours.**
- **Anyone outside of their property boundaries may be subject to criminal prosecution as outlined NCG.S. 14-288.20(a).**
- **All public accesses, public bathrooms, and public parks will close at dusk, Monday, August 3rd and will remain closed until further notice.**
- **Anyone who enters any beach area, is entering at their own risk due to potential storm debris.**



Earliest Reasonable Arrival Time of Tropical-Storm-Force Winds



Information to Know:

- **Personal Preparation** – Now is the time to be prepared and remain informed! Below is a good checklist to use:
 - Please plan on securing all loose articles to prevent them from be relocated by a storm event.
 - Check your supply stocks to ensure:
 - You have several days' worth of water and easily prepared food on hand. Non-perishables are best during a power outage situation.
 - If you take medication, you have several days' worth of doses on hand.
 - If you have pets, you have ample food for your furry (or scaly) friend.
 - Make sure you have all your important paperwork or documents assembled and know where they are located:
 - Insurance policy (health, property, vehicle, etc)
 - Birth certificate, social security card, will, passport, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order if applicable, etc
 - Any other documents that are important and not easily replaced
 - If we lose power:
 - Do not run portable generators indoors or in garages.
 - Turn off the main breaker in your home and only turn it back on after you know that power has been restored.
 - Keep freezers and refrigerator doors CLOSED.
 - Beware of misinformation and sensationalism
 - Get news and information from validated and reputable sources

- **Utilities** – There is no scheduled utility cut-off. Utility crews will monitor the situation and cut off services based on necessity.

During the storm event, there is a good possibility you will lose power. Please make sure you have non-perishable food and water to get you through until power is restored.

- **Trash Service** – As of right now normal trash service will occur on Monday for the existing routes. The trash schedule for Tuesday will be postponed to Wednesday, which means the north end of the island and mainland will be picked up Wednesday.

PLEASE PULL ALL TRASH CARTS IN AND SECURE THEM IMMEDIATELY.

- **Bridge Status** - Based on bridge guidelines along the coast our emergency service leaders may have to shut the bridge down to vehicles if we have SUSTAINED winds of 45mph. Sustained means winds are holding for longer than two minutes. Please understand this means emergency vehicles will have a difficulty in crossing over the bridge safely if winds are above 45 mph sustained.
- **Key Cards** – In the event of a mandatory evacuation, all previously issued KEY Cards are still valid; they do not expire nor are they transferable. If you do not have a KEY Card at this time you can still gain access to the island in the event of an evacuation with a valid ID and utility/tax bill and/or deed.
- **Beach Update/Rip Currents** – All Public Beach Accesses will be closed Monday at dusk and will be reopened once the storm event passes, and staff deem it safe.

Tides and surf will be higher than normal. Please understand as tides get high it can result in sand being washed out from the bottom of public beach accesses, which will cause a drop-off. Staff will not be able to address this until after the storm event, so please proceed with caution.

Rip current risk remains HIGH. The Town of Surf City is urging all beach goers to be very cautious in the ocean this weekend as Hurricane Isaias approaches our shores. As weather systems such as tropical storms approach, we will see the development of rough surf conditions and increases in rip currents. These conditions are very dangerous and can be life threatening. Please stay tuned to local forecast and beach condition alerts from the Town of Surf City and the Surf City Fire Department. If you do find yourself in the ocean and begin to struggle, do not panic. Try to get the attention of others on shore and swim parallel to shore. Once you are out of the outgoing current (rip current) you can then swim back to shore. Please remember to stay calm and try your best to float if you cannot make headway swimming.

This link is a good tool to see the **beach condition forecast** and predictions from the National Weather Service.

https://www.weather.gov/beach/ilm?fbclid=IwAR0GFR69Vpo4kRCevvwI021bVp_Hlq_n-MAPCqLV5qcW5TmFGlo5vibfPNA

This is a good link to learn more about **rip current dangers** from the National Weather Service and the United States Lifesaving Association

https://www.weather.gov/media/safety/rip/rip_brochure_51419b.pdf

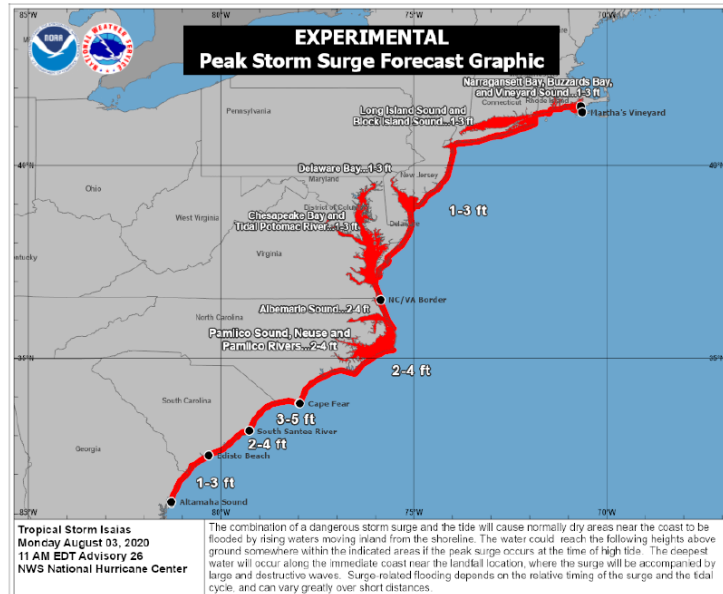
If you see someone in trouble, please dial 911 and report it. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact the fire department at (910) 329-1260.

Storm Surge

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- Potential storm surge inundation of 3-5 ft from Cape Fear southward along the northeast SC coast, and 2-4 ft from Cape Fear northward along the southeast NC coast.
- Note: These are peak above ground values if the peak surge occurs at the time of high tide. The best chance of this occurring is south of Cape Fear.

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Potential Tornado Impacts

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- There is a potential for several tornadoes, especially east of a Lumberton to Marion and Kingstree line this evening through late tonight.
- Tornadoes can significantly damage homes, destroy mobile homes, and uproot/snap trees.
- Have multiple ways to receive warnings later today and tonight. The best place to be during a tornado is in an interior room of the lowest floor of a solid structure away from windows.

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